GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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FLIGHT SCHEDULES OF DOMESTIC AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has allowed domestic airlines to change flight schedules without any prior permission as reported in the Times of India dated November 6, 2006;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c) Whether such freedom will not affect the interest of passengers as well as social responsibilities of domestic airlines operating in the country; and

(d) If so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c) and (d): Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued Air Transport Circular No.2 dated 31st October, 2006 stating that DGCA will grant approval, to avoid inconvenience to the travelling public, for mid-season schedule changes on the basis of NOC from the concerned airports without reference to any other agency, provided the airline has given genuine reasons for making such changes.These changes will be subject to review at the Coordination Committee Meeting in the mid-summer schedule and mid-winter schedule and will not bestow any right on the concerned airline for the changed slot.

However, scheduled domestic airlines will continue to meet the mandatory requirements as contained in the Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.